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In re Application of :  
Yazawa, et al. : DECISION GRANTING STATUS  
Application No. 09/632,875 : UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)  
Filed: August 4, 2000 :  
Atty. Dkt. No.: 9281/3753 :  
For: THIN-FILM MAGNETIC HEAD :  
HAVING A HIGH RECORDING DENSITY :  
AND FREQUENCY :

This decision is in response to the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed April 17, 2006.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Petitioners have shown that the legal representative(s) of deceased inventor Masaki Ikegami has refused to execute the declaration for the above-identified application and/or cannot be reached or located for presentation and execution of same, and is thus unavailable.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

As provided in Rule 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventors at the addresses given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

This application is being forwarded to the Office of Patent Publication for further processing.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3205.

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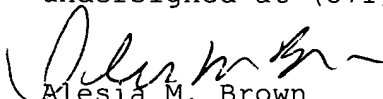
Dear Sir:

You are named as the legal representative of deceased inventor Masaki Ikegami in the above-identified United States patent application filed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 116 (United States Code) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases.

As the legal representative of the a named deceased inventor you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost as per 37 C.F.R. § 1.19) or make your position of record in the application. Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent attorney or agent presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join the application, counsel of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining in the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.63.

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3205. Requests for information regarding your application should be directed to the File Information Unit at (703) 308-2733. Information regarding how to pay for and order a copy of the application, or a specific paper in the application, should be directed to Certification Division at (703) 308-9726 or 1-800-972-6382 (outside the Washington D.C. area).

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